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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER AND
PRESIDENT SADAT

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1. SAUDIS HAVE MADE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR VICE PRESIDENT TO
OVERNIGHT JIDDA, AND IF HE WERE TO CHANGE HIS PLANS AT LAST
MINUTE THEY WOULD BE NOT ONLY BE INCONVENIENCED BUT
SUCH A LAST MINUTE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE--FOR EVIDENT PURPOSE
OF POLITICAL MEETING WITH SADAT--WOULD IN THEIR EYES DEROGATE
FROM PURPOSE FOR WHICH VICE PRESIDENT DISPATCHED.

2. IF VICE PRESIDENT MOREOVER WERE TO PROCEED DIRECTLY
TO RIYADH NIGHT OF MARCH 26
HE WOULD BE COMPETING WITH SEVENTEEN RPT SEVENTEEN CHIEFS OF
STATE FOR LODGING SPACE. AS REPORTED REF TEL, PRESIDENTS OF
TUNISIA AND MALI HAVE BEEN SHUNTED TO JIDDA HOTELS FOR NIGHT
OF MARCH 26.

3. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR A MEETING BETWEEN VICE
PRESIDENT AND SADAT TO BE ARRANGED AFTER PRESENTATION OF
CONDOLENCES IN RIYADH MARCH 27 (CIRCA 1000 HOURS).

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